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SUBJECT: ERITREAN SCENE

1. ON 17 FEB A PARATROOPER OFFICER DISCUSSED THEIR OPERATIONAL PLAN WITH AN AMCIT PA&E EMPLOYEE. HE SAID THAT RECENTLY ARRIVED TERRITORIAL ARMY FORCES WOULD SECURE ASMARA, WHILE PARATROOPERS AND OTHER REGULAR ARMY FORCES WOULD ATTACK THE MAIN ELF CAMP BETWEEN ASMARA AND MASSAWA. WHEN ASKED WHY GOVT FORCES DID NOT BOMB THE CAMP, HE REPLIED QUOTE WITH WHAT UNQUOTE. THE OFFICER EXPRESSED LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE ETH GOVT FORCES TO DEFEND ASMARA AGAINST HIT AND RUN ATTACKS BY THE ELF OR THEIR ABILITY TO DEFEAT THE ELF.

2. AN EAL EMPLOYEE REPORTED ON 16 FEB THAT ONE OF THE 720-BS RETURNING TO ADDIS CARRIED ERITREAN MEMBERS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE,
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WHO WERE PRISONERS.

3. GENERALLY RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCE REPORTS THAT
1000 TROOPS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO SEARCH FOR PRISONERS, ALLEGEDLY
RELEASED BY ELF (REF ASMARA 210) ON 13 FEB. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS
THAT EMERGENCY GENERATOR RUNNING WATER PUMPS AT MAI NEFI DAM ARE
OUT OF FUEL. COMMENT WITHOUT FUEL RESUPPLY TO PUMP GENERATORS,
ASMARA WATER SUPPLY WILL AGAIN BE SEVERED. ARMY HAS 1ST PRIORITY
ON LIMITED FUEL COMING INTO ASMARA. KAGNEW STATION IS NOT RPT NOT
GETTING WATER FROM CITY ON 17 FEB. END COMMENT. SOURCE REPEATED
WARNING OF ELF REPRISAL AGAINST KAGNEW FOR PROVIDING POWER TO THE
CITY.
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